

We claim:

1     1. A ladder stand for use in elevating a hunter or naturalist, said ladder stand comprising:  
2             a ladder for enabling travel from the ground to a platform,  
3             an upper frame assembly comprising a substantially U-shaped brace which is  
4     operatively attached to an upper end of the ladder,  
5             a standing platform for supporting a hunter or naturalist thereon,  
6             a movable seat which is pivotally connected to the upper frame assembly, and  
7             a plurality of securing members for removably attaching the ladder stand to a  
8     vertical support.

1             2. The ladder stand of claim 1, further comprising at least one implement rest  
2     which is adjustably connected to the upper frame assembly, for supporting an implement  
3     thereon.

1             3. The ladder stand of claim 1, wherein the seat is pivotally attached to the upper  
2     frame assembly at two spaced apart connections.

1             4. The ladder stand of claim 1, further comprising a limit bar which is fixedly  
2     attached to the upper frame assembly, to limit downward movement of the seat.

1           5. The ladder stand of claim 1, wherein the standing platform includes a first end  
2   which is operatively attached to the ladder, and a second end which is operatively  
3   interconnected to the upper frame assembly.

1           6. The ladder stand of claim 5, wherein the second end of the standing platform is  
2   suspended from the upper frame assembly by a plurality of support members extending  
3   therebetween.

1           7. The ladder stand of claim 2, further comprising at least one extension arm  
2   adjustably connected to said brace, for adjusting a position of said implement rest.

1           8. The ladder stand of claim 7, further comprising a pivotally movable swing arm  
2   attached to said extension arm.

1           9. The ladder stand of claim 1, wherein the seat includes side portions which  
2   contact opposed sides of the brace when the seat is in the operative position thereof.

1           10. The ladder stand of claim 2, wherein said implement rest includes a  
2   substantially wishbone-shaped support member.

1           11. The ladder stand of claim 2, wherein said upper frame assembly includes a  
2   pivotally adjustable swing arm, and wherein said implement rest is attached to said swing  
3   arm.

1           12. A ladder stand for use in elevating a hunter or naturalist, said ladder stand  
2   comprising:  
3           a ladder for enabling travel from the ground to a platform,  
4           an upper frame assembly attachable to the top of the ladder,  
5           a standing platform for supporting a hunter or naturalist thereon, said standing  
6   platform operatively attached to an upper end of the ladder;  
7           a movable seat which is pivotally connected to the upper frame assembly,  
8           a plurality of securing members for removably attaching the ladder stand to a  
9   vertical support, and  
10          at least one implement rest which is adjustably attached to the upper frame  
11   assembly, for supporting an implement thereon.

1           13. The ladder stand of claim 12, wherein the seat is pivotally attached to the  
2   upper frame assembly at two spaced apart points.

1           14. The ladder stand of claim 12, further comprising a limit bar which is fixedly  
2   attached to the upper frame assembly, to limit downward movement of the seat.

1           15. The ladder stand of claim 12, wherein the standing platform includes a first  
2   end which is operatively attached to the ladder, and a second end which is operatively  
3   connected to the upper frame assembly.

1           16. The ladder stand of claim 12, wherein the second end of the standing platform  
2 is suspended from the upper frame assembly by a plurality of support members extending  
3 therebetween.

1           17. The ladder stand of claim 12, wherein the upper frame assembly comprises a  
2 substantially U-shaped brace which is operatively attached to an upper end of the ladder.

1           18. The ladder stand of claim 12, further comprising at least one extension arm  
2 adjustably connected to said brace, for adjusting a position of said implement rest.

1           19. The ladder stand of claim 18, wherein the seat includes side portions which  
2 contact opposed sides of the brace when the seat is in the operative position thereof.

1           20. The ladder stand of claim 12, wherein said upper frame assembly includes a  
2 pivotally adjustable swing arm, and wherein said implement rest is attached to said swing  
3 arm.